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## Local executive to offer address at graduation

Bowling Green financial executive Edward J. Reiter has been selected to deliver the commencement address at the University's Aug. 12 ceremony.

Reiter, chairman and CEO of Mid Am Inc. and a University alumnus, will speak on "The Missing Ingredient to Success."

The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. on the lawn in front of University Hall. Approximately 922 graduates are expected, 48 of whom will receive doctoral degrees and 334 master's.

Dr. Sidney A. Ribeau, who assumed the University presidency July 1, will preside over the ceremony.



Edward Reiter

Reiter is a Toledo native and a graduate of the University's College of Education. He taught for several years before joining the staff of Mid American National Bank & Trust Co. in 1966, holding several managerial positions before assuming his current post.

Mid Am Inc., founded in 1988 and based in Bowling Green, is a holding company that owns four banks and two operating companies.

Reiter is active in numerous community, state and national programs and has received many awards for both his civic and banking

related activities. In 1994 he was the recipient of *Financial World's* CEO of the Year bronze award and in 1992 was named Northwest Ohio Executive of the Year. Other honors include the University Alumni Community Award in 1991, Entrepreneur of the Year in 1991 and Bowling Green's Outstanding Citizen award in 1990.

Damon Keith

He is a member of the University's Presidents Club, the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, Toledo Regional Growth Partnership Economic Development Committee, St. Vincent's Medical Center Board of Trustees and the YMCA Board of Directors, among other organizations.

Also during commencement, an honorary doctor of public service degree will be bestowed on Judge Damon Jerome Keith, of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

Keith, a Detroit native, is a frequent lecturer on civil rights and has been active in numerous national boards and committees.

Of the many honors he has received during his career, the most recent are the 1993 Thurgood Marshall Award from the Wolverine Bar Association, the 1992 Martin Luther King Jr. Award from the Progressive National Baptist Convention, the 1992 C. Francis Stratford Award from the National Bar Association and the 1991 Champion of Justice Award from the State Bar of Michigan.

He received a juris doctorate from Howard University in 1949, a master of laws and letters from Wayne State University in 1956, and a bachelor's degree from West Virginia State university in 1943.



### Lights, camera...

The Electric Falcon, the electric race car sponsored by the College of Technology, had to endure the bright lights of fame last week when a camera crew from the Prime Sports cable network shot footage for an upcoming program. A five-minute feature on the car will be included in the station's broadcast of the second annual Cleveland Electric Formula Classic, in which the Falcon competed. The show airs at 8 p.m., Sept. 1 on SportsChannel Ohio and other Prime affiliates nationwide.

## \$1.45 million state grant to support research network based at BGSU

A statewide materials science research network, which received a \$1.45 million grant from the Ohio Board of Regents July 14, will be headquartered at the University.

The Ohio Materials Network is a consortium of faculty from state universities and equipment used in the research of materials, such as metals, polymers, semiconductors, ceramics and glass — the foundations of some of Ohio's most profitable industries.

It was established in 1993 with an initial Regents grant of \$2.1 million. Consortium members are Bowling Green, the University of Cincinnati, Case Western Reserve University, The Ohio State University and the University of Akron.

MatNet, as the network is commonly referred to, allows the institutions to share costly equipment as it is used in research and teaching. It also offers researchers from industries and government labs in Ohio an opportunity to make use of the resources on the campuses.

Of the \$1.45 million set aside for MatNet in the Regents' grant, \$91,000 has been earmarked to help equip a high pressure ceramics properties testing laboratory at Bowling Green. The rest of the award will be used to develop the Akron site and to enhance the capabilities of the other sites.

In addition to the grant funds, the member universities will contribute \$30,000 to Bowling Green to help support the administration of the network on campus. The University was the lead institution for the initial grant and has served informally as the MatNet center since then, said Dr. Robert Boughton, chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy and director of the Center for Materials Science.

"MatNet has fostered new collaborations among faculty and students at the participating

institutions," Boughton said. "For example, researchers at Bowling Green have made use of the MatNet facilities at Case Western Reserve, an opportunity that did not exist previously."

He added that "the mere existence of this collection of instruments with a single access point removes a great many of the barriers to collaboration — lack of familiarity with what equipment is available or with what a particular researcher's interests are."

Three of the universities — OSU, CWRU and UC are collaborating on a research project on the properties of silicon carbide. "The existence of MatNet makes this cooperation simple," Boughton noted.

Besides academic institutions, more than 25 outside companies have used MatNet resources, including B.F. Goodrich, Brush-Wellman, Coors (ceramics), Eveready Battery, Goodyear, Gould Electronics, LTV, Lubrizol and Monsanto.

Through participation in an Industrial Advisory Committee, outside users keep the universities abreast of "the most urgent needs of the materials industry in Ohio," Boughton said.

The grant for MatNet comes from the state's Investment Fund which was established in 1991 to advance research and economic development in Ohio by building the capital infrastructure for university research.

Grants are awarded biennially to collaborative research projects which are selected through a competitive review process.

MatNet was one of 39 projects that vied for 1995 Investment Funds. A panel of nationally recognized experts from industry and academia reviewed the proposals and selected ten projects.

The current and potential benefits of MatNet are "tremendous," the review panel said in its discussion of the project.

## COMMENTARY

### To the University Community:

As you know, Dr. Eloise Clark, vice president for academic affairs, has announced her intention to step down from the vice presidency during the coming academic year. It is therefore time to begin the task of securing the services of a new vice president for academic affairs. I know that we are all grateful to Dr. Clark for her selfless dedication to the University over the past 12 years and we wish her well as she begins to prepare for her return to full-time teaching in the Department of Biological Sciences. As you may know, she has graciously consented to continue her service as vice president during 1995-96 until a new appointment is made.

With this memorandum I am establishing a search committee for this critical University position and initiating the search and screening process. It is my intention to place advertisements in the Chronicle of Higher Education (no later than Aug. 11) and one or two other publications targeted for underrepresented members of the profession. In addition, I will seek nominations of candidates from sitting vice presidents and others in the academic community. As soon as possible after July 31 I will meet with the search committee to discuss the position and the search process. I would like to say at this time how grateful I am to the individuals whose names appear below for their willingness to take on this demanding but enormously important assignment for the good of the University.

#### Committee members:

Lester E. Barber, assistant to the president (non-voting, executive secretary to the committee)

Rudolph Chavez, doctoral student in higher education

J. Christopher Dalton, vice president for planning and budgeting

Mary Doucet, accounting and management information services

Veronica Gold, special education

Milton Hakel, psychology (chair of the committee)

Richard Hebein, romance languages

Fiona MacKinnon-Slaney, higher education and student affairs

Joan Morgan, director, academic enhancement

Douglas Neckers, chair, chemistry

Robert Perry, chair, ethnic studies

Mariann Reiter, administrative secretary, graduate studies in business

H. Lee Riggins, dean, College of Musical Arts

Larry Smith, English, Humanities Department, Firelands College

Jeff Stefancic, president of Undergraduate Student Government

Sidney A. Ribeau  
president

## Most employees to see reduction in insurance cost

The cost of medical insurance is going down in two of the three plans being offered to employees by Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Ohio.

Starting with the new insurance year, which begins Sept. 1, the Preferred Provider Option and Plan III will cost less. Plan I will see moderate increases and Plan II, which was used by only 18 employees, will be eliminated.

The reductions resulted when more employees used doctors who had agreed to accept Blue Cross and Blue Shield's reasonable and customary payments or accepted even less than that amount for medical services provided, according to Diana Shamp, benefits supervisor.

Plan I, a more costly program, experienced a deficit this past year, necessitating an increase in cost for 1995-96, Shamp said.

Super Blue Plus, the Preferred Provider Option, will cost a single user \$84 for 1995-96, compared to \$120 for 1994-95, the first year it was offered. Family rates will be \$504 for the year, down from \$720.

Plan III will cost \$234 for a single user, down from \$260. The plan will cost families \$1,341, down from \$1,490.

Plan I will cost \$504 for a single user, up from \$480. Families will pay \$2,148, up from \$2,045.

The PPO has been the most popular program with 61.8 percent of insured employees enrolled in that plan in 1994-95. Plan I follows with 34.4 percent enrolled. Plan III has 2.8 percent enrollment. Of the 18 people enrolled in Plan II for 1994-95, none responded with objections when polled about the future elimination of that plan, Shamp said.

Other changes that will take place with the new insurance year are increases in dental coverage and a simplification of emergency room service benefits.

The Board of Trustees June 30 approved an increase in the total amount of dental coverage provided during a calendar year from \$750 to \$1,000. Even though dental coverage runs from January to December, employees may use the additional \$250 starting Sept. 1, Shamp said.

The same holds true for an increase in orthodontic coverage also approved by the trustees. The lifetime maximum of orthodontia for covered children under the age of 19 has been increased from \$500 to \$750. The additional \$250 in coverage will be available Sept. 1.

Also beginning Sept. 1, emergency room treatment due to an accident and treated within 72 hours of injury will be covered without any deductible at 100 percent under Plan I, 80 percent under Plan III and 90 percent under Super Blue Plus.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield is also attempting to sign up more network providers in the counties near Firelands College to improve the choices available to employees who live there, Shamp said.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield, in conjunction with the benefits office, will be hosting open meetings to explain the changes in insurance plans and to answer any questions. Spouses of employees are welcome to attend.

The first meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. - noon, July 31 at Firelands. On the main campus, the following times are scheduled: 2-4 p.m., Aug. 1 — 219 Olscamp Hall; 10 a.m. - noon, Aug. 9 — 1007 Business Administration Bldg.; 9-11 a.m., Aug. 15 — 219 Olscamp Hall; 1-3 p.m., Aug. 24 — 1007 Business Administration Bldg. and 6-8 p.m., Aug. 24 — 219 Olscamp Hall.

## DATEBOOK

### Monday, July 24

Dissertation defense, "A Study of Student Affairs Delivery Systems at Small Private Colleges in the Midwest," by Dave Fried, higher education and student affairs, 3:30 p.m., 333 Education Bldg.

UAO activity, live music and free treats, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Union oval. Rainsite: The Commons.

### Wednesday, July 26

Movie, "Point Break," 8 p.m., Gish Film Theater. Free.

### Friday, July 28

UAO activity, Lunch Bunch 5K run and walk. Sign up in UAO office by July 27.

### Monday, July 31

UAO activity, live music and free treats, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Union oval. Rainsite: The Commons.

## Business faculty, staff receive annual awards

The College of Business Administration honored several of its faculty and staff through annual awards.

Dr. Timothy Fuerst, economics, received the Robert A. Patton Scholarly Achievement Award in recognition of his scholarly work during the previous calendar year.

Finalists for this award were Dr. Nancy Kubasek, legal studies; Dr. William Redmond, marketing; and Dr. Sherry Sullivan, management.

The Graduate Business Student Association Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award was given to Dr. Daniel Klein, finance. Faculty are nominated for this outstanding teaching award by the graduate business student body and selected by a committee of the GBSA. Other finalists for the award were Dr. Shane Johnson, finance, and Dr. Ralph St. John, applied statistics and operations research.

The Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research received the Marie R. Hodge Entrepreneurship Award, which encourages and supports efforts promoting awareness of the value of the entrepreneurial spirit.

## Huron Playhouse continues summer bill

An intriguing mystery and a musical comedy are on the bill for the completion of the Huron Playhouse 1995 summer season.

The annual Playhouse mystery is scheduled to run from July 25-29. Titled "Busman's Honeymoon," the play follows amateur detective Lord Peter Wimsey and his new bride on the first morning of their honeymoon.

The season closes Aug. 1-6 with "Leave it to Jane," Jerome Kern's light-hearted musical comedy about the highjinks at Atwater College.

Curtain time for all performances is 8 p.m.

Tickets to the performances are \$9 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors and \$5 for children 12 and under. Special rates are available for groups of 15 or more.

The Huron Playhouse, sponsored by the University and Firelands College, is located in the air-conditioned McCormick School on Ohio Street in Huron. For tickets or further information, call (419) 433-4744.

## FACULTY/STAFF POSITIONS

### Administrative positions:

Firelands College: Coordinator, Career Services. Contact Office of the Dean, Firelands College, 901 Rye Beach Rd., Huron, Ohio 44839. Applications accepted until position is filled.